

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2001-356-C - ORDER NO. 2002-507

JULY 9, 2002

IN RE: St. George & Summerville – Request for) ORDER REJECTING EAS
Local Calling) PLAN *10*

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the proposal to establish a non-optional calling plan (EAS or Extended Area Service) for all Summerville and St. George subscribers. This would allow said customers in each exchange to place calls to the other exchange, without incurring long distance charges. If this plan is approved, all Summerville subscribers would be able to place calls to the St. George Exchange in addition to the current Summerville local calling area, and all St. George subscribers would be able to place calls to the Summerville Exchange in addition to the current St. George local calling area.

The question of the establishment of the described non-optional calling plan was sent in the form of a ballot to all Summerville and St. George subscribers. It should be noted that 11,286 ballots were returned to the Commission Staff, with 5,911 subscribers (52%) voting against the plan, and 5,375 subscribers (48%) voting in favor of the plan.

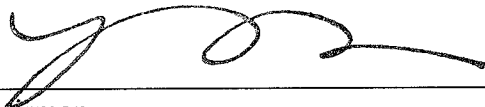
Because the majority of the subscribers who returned ballots voted against the proposal, we hereby reject it. We are regretful that we were not able to assist those subscribers who voted in favor of the plan.

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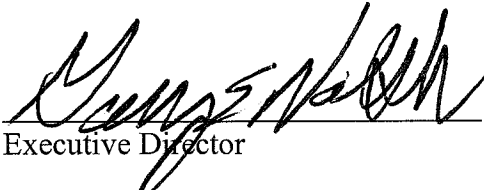
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Chairman

ATTEST:



Executive Director

(SEAL)